Welcome to the Wilsonton Agricultural Field Study Centre Newsletter

What is happening…..

On Tuesday 21st May, Year 10 Agricultural Science students will be travelling to the University of Queensland Gatton campus to participate in the official weigh in for the 2013 Sunflower competition. The competition promotes the science behind agronomy and horticulture to students. The purpose is to inspire current science students to become the next generation of plant and agricultural scientists.

The weigh in day is a culmination of three months preparation for the students. They will be competing against other schools from across the country to win the title of the heaviest sunflower. In addition to this students will be able to explore tertiary education options in agriculture and science. It is an interactive learning opportunity designed to actively contribute to the provision of science trained workforce that continues to position Australia at the forefront of agricultural production.

Did you Know……..

*A sunflower head is made up of 1,000 to 2,000 individual flowers, which are joined at the base. The large petals that are found around the edge are individual ray flowers, which do not develop into seeds.

A single sunflower can have up to 2,000 seeds

A sunflower plant can grow from 3 feet to 18 feet tall.

Sunflower seeds are used for making cooking oil, medicine, paint, animal feed and biodiesel.

Primary School Visits

WAFSC have developed a program that is both fun and interesting for the Primary School children. We show children a little bit about farm life, farm animals and how they help us. At the Ag Centre our aim is to spend quality time with each child that visits. This means every child will get a turn at every activity which is an integral part of the learning process.

Year 10 Agricultural Science students were lucky enough to have Peter Sealy from Elders come to visit to share his experiences and knowledge about the sheep industry. Mr Sealy covered topics such as sheep husbandry, reproduction, shearing, and diseases. Mr Sealy also demonstrated how to assess wool and determine the age of sheep by counting their teeth. Career opportunities were of particular interest to the students. Elders has kindly offered to sponsor our show team. A special thanks goes out to Elders and Mr Sealy for giving up his time to share his expertise.

CAREER TALK:

Have you Considered doing Equine Science?

Year 11 & 12
Ag Science
OP 15

Bachelor of
Applied Science

Equine Science Extended Major

Employment Opportunities

* Agistment / Horse Studs
* Agribusiness
* Animal Nutrition & Health
* Bloodstock Agencies
* Equestrian Centres
* Educational Institutions
* Vet specialising in Equine Vet